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COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

Ehrhardt Etchings.
Ehrhardt, September 13.—More than 1,100 bales of cotton have been weighed by our weigher, of this year's crop. Farmers have been rushing cotton to the market as fast as they could gather it from the fields.

The school children are getting ready to return to their respective schools, to commence another year's work. Some of them are anxious to go, while others are not.

Mr. R. L. Farrell, of Florida, is visiting his children here.

Mr. Jack Smith and family, also Mr. H. H. McKeithan and family, have returned from Glenn Springs, where they spent a month.

The dry weather seemed to put a stop to travel by automobiles. Had a fine rain Friday night, so the sand banks will be so they can be ridden over again without stopping and getting out and push.

Saturday some colored men got in a fight. Chief had a foot race before he could capture one. One of the combatants made his escape by being fleet of foot. Chief runs well.

Mr. Jacob Hiers has a new business started up; he earned one nickel already.

Mr. Ben T. Zeigler is all smiles this morning—it's a bouncing girl.

Mr. Loue Zeigler has an addition to his family—it's a boy. It seems as if the whole Zeigler family as a whole is on the increase. JEE.

Country News.

Miss Clara Williams, an attractive young lady, of Hardeville, who is visiting her cousin, Miss Eva Hanberry, near Denmark, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. Alva Hanberry, at Olar.

Mrs. Clara Williams, her daughter, Lucile, and Miss Eva Hanberry spent Sunday with relatives near Bamberg.

Mrs. L. E. Hanberry, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Miss Lizzie Hand is spending a while with relatives at Springfield, S. C.

Mr. Alvin Hanberry spent last Sunday at the Isle of Palms.

Kearse News.

Kearse, September 14.—The Timrod Literary Society invites the public to their play, "Miss Topsy Turvy," on next Thursday evening, September 16th, at White Point school house.

Miss Leda Ritter returned home Saturday from an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. G. W. Jenny.

Mrs. J. F. Kearse returned home last Tuesday from a month's stay with her daughter, Mrs. L. R. Dixon, of Bishopville.

Miss Sudy Ritter spent Friday and Saturday last week with Misses Ruth and Chloe Groseclose.

Miss Ettie Kearse returned home Sunday from a visit to Miss Kate Sadler, of Olar.

Miss Edna Chitty leaves us Saturday to accept a position as teacher of the Baldoc school.

We were glad to see so many out at Sunday-school last Sunday, especially the little children.

Miss Alice Kearse left us Tuesday for Bamberg, where she will be for some time with Mrs. H. M. Graham. We were glad to see the showers on Friday and Saturday nights, for we were very much in need of them.

Country Correspondence.

Beautiful weather we are having now-a-days for gathering the 12 cents fleecy staple.

Mrs. Alice Zeigler and niece, Miss Mamie Hill, of Sanford, Fla., are visiting relatives at Ehrhardt.

Mrs. Clara Williams, widow of the late Dr. Sheridan Williams, of Hardeville, and her beautiful daughter, Loucille, were guests at Mr. O. P. Jordan's a few days ago.

School begins at Hampton, Monday, September 20th.

Little Miss Virginia Hill will go to Columbia Thursday for two day's stay.

Miss Eva Hanberry, of Denmark, was the guest of Miss Georgie Emma Jordan last Sunday.

Pellagra Spreading.

A special from Raleigh, N. C., says that it is estimated by physicians that 1,000 cases of the new disease, pellagra, exist in North Carolina. In every county, except Onslow, it is said the disease prevails.

That it is a disease to be dreaded is not questioned, and Dr. E. J. Jennes Wood, of Wilmington, says that pellagra is second only in importance to tuberculosis. While he does not believe it originates from corn, he frankly admits that there are very few physicians who do not believe the disease is caused by corn.

KUKER SUCCEEDS WILSON.

City of Florence Gets White Postmaster at Last.

Washington, Sept. 10.—A number of recess presidential appointments of postmasters was announced to-day, which included the nomination of Louis C. Kuker to be postmaster at Florence and S. Coler King to be postmaster at Darlington.

Mr. Kuker, who will succeed in Florence the Rev. Joshua Wilson, the negro postmaster, is a young man and the son of John Kuker, a leading business man of Florence, and a man of considerable means. Mr. Kuker, the appointee, as well as his father, is a man of good standing in Florence.

Capt. King is one of the most popular young men in Darlington and is now probate judge of Darlington county. He is, of course, a Democrat. Formerly he was the captain of the Darlington Guards. He is a brother-in-law of State Senator Huger Sinkler and Maj. D. L. Sinkler, of Charleston. Capt. King's appointment will create a vacancy in the office of probate judge in Darlington.

News from Fairfax.

Fairfax, September 13.—Last week was unusually gay with the young folks. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Talley (who are society leaders here) had some very charming young lady visitors.

Miss Sue McDonald from Charleston, and Miss Caroline Vance from Columbia. They put on their "thinking caps" as to the best way of entertaining their guests without giving a dance or a card party. So invitations were issued—first to the youth of the town, then to the young married couples. Those invited had to put on their "thinking caps" to solve the riddles, guesses at contests.

In "character pictures" every family in Fairfax was pictured in some way and they had to guess the names from the pictures. Miss Hattie Tyler won the first prize and Mr. Martin Lightsey the booby. Next evening, in the contest, "What are the best traits to make a good husband?" Mrs. McDaniel won the first prize, and Mr. Fred Lightsey the booby.

In the contest, "Give the best description of your wife's wedding dress," Mr. Ben Brunson won the prize, and no wonder, for his fair bride of a few months sat beside him wearing her lovely wedding costume. Delicious refreshments were served both evenings—cakes, ices, fruit salad and punch. The guests departed reluctantly both evenings, voting the Talleys the best of entertainers. Their visitors have been the recipients of kind attentions from families here, and all will hate to see them leave. Come again, girls!

Our new teachers are: Prof. Joe Riser, principal; Misses Albright, Hagler, Goolsby, assistants, with Miss Annys Moye, music teacher.

In a few days our boys and girls will leave us for different colleges. Mr. McDonald Youmans returns to University of South Carolina; Miss Mercedes Buckner to Winthrop; Misses Margaret and Lucile Youmans to Converse College; Miss Lila Barber to Columbia College, and Miss Zelle Loadholdt to Greenville Female College.

The reading room has been more popular since the "Elsie Books" came. Elsie Dinsmore was certainly a lovely character, and quite a model for our girls to imitate (leaving out the numerous cries that dear girl had over trivial things.)

The darkies are happy now in the cotton fields. We can hear them singing over their work. "Leave the poor old straining wretch and pull for the shore," is the way they pervert Bliss's famous songs.

Mrs. Martha Craddock has been much cheered lately by a visit from her twin sister, Mrs. Columbus Howard, of Georgia, whose loving ministrations soothed her in her invalid state.

We will not tell you about our six feet alligator, as that is stale news.

Miss Virginia Durant has entertained her brother's wife and children recently.

Mrs. Mary Youmans and daughter, Dr. Iva Youmans, have returned from a pleasant trip to Beaufort.

Miss Blanche Cooksey has selected, in Baltimore, the fall hats for Young's millinery, and will be here in a few days. Miss Cooksey seems like one of us, she has been here so long.

Miss Alma Knight, who spent her vacation with her father in Savannah, is here now, ready for a return to study.

Mr. W. C. Creech spent a week here with Mr. George Sanders.

Miss Etta Copeland's recent visit here was much enjoyed, as she was one of the most popular teachers here last session. Her little pupils hated to see her leave. But we still cling to the hope of having her with us in some way or other in the future. Eh, Miss Etta?

Negro Shot at Hot Supper Near Govan

Govan, September 14.—Saturday night a negro named Johnnie Edwards was shot at a "hot supper" one mile from Govan. The ball entered his left side, and it is thought that it changed its course and lodged in the back instead of entering abdominal cavity. It is thought that the negro is not seriously wounded, but it is evident that he made a narrow escape. In all probability he will decline future invitations to hot suppers. H.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

At a meeting of the State board of canvassers, held in Columbia last Friday, the protest from Aiken county as to the recent dispensary election was thrown out, and the dispensaries in that county are now open.

Columbia is making efforts to induce the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad to come to that city. A meeting of the citizens was held last Thursday for the purpose of taking some definite action to this end. A committee will go to New York at once and present Columbia's claims to the officials of the road.

Mr. Andrew S. Byrd, who is constable for Magistrate Dukes at Branchville, was tried at Orangeburg last week on the charge of murder. Mr. Byrd killed a notorious negro desperado named Rowe in Branchville a few months ago. At the conclusion of the testimony the judge ordered the jury to return a verdict of not guilty.

The Holly Hill dispensary was broken into and robbed last Wednesday night. The dispenser estimates that between \$400 and \$500 worth of whiskey was stolen. No clue has been found to the robbers. Holly Hill recently voted out the dispensary by a vote of 103 to 7. The thieves evidently concluded that it would be well for them to lay in a supply.

On the recommendation of Chief Justice Jones, Governor Ansel has appointed Mr. Ernest Moore, of the Lancaster bar, to serve the remainder of the year on the sixth circuit in place of Judge Prince, of Anderson, who is still so broken in health that he feels that he will be unable to go on the bench this year. The sixth circuit is composed of the counties of York, Chester, Lancaster and Fairfield.

The Camden Water, Light, and Ice Company, a private corporation, has surrendered its light franchise to the city and has notified the mayor and members of council of Camden that they will shut down their electric light plant on the 15th of this month. No reason is assigned for their action in their letter of notification to the mayor, so we do not know what the trouble is. The plant is owned by a Northerner.

Sheriff P. H. Corley, of Lexington, captured L. A. Stuckman, a negro, in Savannah last week. The negro is wanted in that county on the charge of murder, committed February 16, 1899, more than ten years ago. Stuckman shot and killed Nancy Davis, a negro woman, at a hot supper at a saw mill near Lexington. He made his escape immediately after the killing, and although he has been hunted for ten years, it was only last week that the sheriff succeeded in capturing him.

The board of trustees of Columbia College held a meeting in Columbia last Friday and decided to accept the offer to lease the Colonia, Columbia's tourist hotel, for the use of the college this fall and until the college can be rebuilt. This building was the old college, which has been enlarged and improved and turned into a modern hotel for tourists. They also decided to rebuild the college, and plans for the building are already being prepared and the work of raising funds going on.

Magistrate J. T. Easterling and his constable, J. D. Dunaway, were tried in the Richmond court last week on the charge of malfeasance in office. The two officers were tried on the charge of conspiring to extort money from a negro man, who was charged with sending an obscene letter to a negro girl, in that they asked the negro for \$28 as settlement and that they compromised with the prosecuting witness, the mother of the girl, giving her only \$6 of the amount and appropriating the remaining \$22. They were acquitted.

Methodist Church Fired by lightning.

Hampton, Sept. 10.—The Methodist church here was struck by lightning to-night about nine o'clock and by 10 flames started by the bolt had completely destroyed the building. But for the heavy rain which came immediately after the bolt fell other property in the neighborhood almost certainly would have been swept away.

The members of the Epworth league, which had been holding a meeting in the church, left the building just before the stroke came.

The loss is about \$4,500, with insurance of \$1,000 or \$1,500.

The parsonage nearby also was struck by the same bolt, but the damage is trifling.

Sues Telephone Company.

Charleston, Sept. 14.—Suit for \$40,000 was filed to-day in the office of the clerk of the State court against the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph company by J. C. Dillingham, administrator of the estate of E. M. Daoust, the lineman of the defendant company who was shocked and burned to death on October 18, 1907, at the northwest corner of Rutledge avenue and Bee street.

The complaint alleges that Daoust was killed through fault of the defendant company, because he was ordered to ascend a pole of the Consolidated company and that no safe place was provided for him to work on. The suit is brought by the plaintiff on behalf of the daughter of the deceased, Helen Daoust, a minor.

LIVELY WEEK AT COLUMBIA.

Dispensary and Seminole Cases Attract State Wide Attention.

Columbia, Sept. 12.—Events have crowded in upon the capital of the State thick and fast during the past week, and indications are that the approaching week will one full of interesting happenings.

The dispensary alleged graft cases are the centre of interest just now. After more than two years of investigating, the cases are to be brought into court. The outcome, naturally, is the subject of much speculation. The matter is one of grave importance to the State for several reasons. There is tied up \$600,000 of the dispensary funds for which claims have been made against the State by the various whiskey houses that dealt with South Carolina during the days of the old State dispensary. The settlement of these claims will be affected somewhat by the present prosecution. Some matters may be brought out that will have an effect upon the claims outstanding, although the civil and criminal sides of the proceedings have been conducted separately. Owing to the prominence of the men under indictment, the dispensary cases will excite interest throughout the country.

The Seminole cases are also expected to come up at this term, probably during the week beginning tomorrow. These cases are first on the calendar, but may give way to the dispensary cases. The Seminole scandal is well known to the public. In this case also a great amount of money was tied up belonging to individuals throughout the State.

Of peculiar local interest is the action to be taken Tuesday night by the members of the various commissions. Resignations will not be submitted as requested by city council. It will be recalled that during the summer a special meeting of council was held and it was voted to request the resignations of the various commissions. This matter has caused a great deal of discussion, and the outcome is of much interest locally and will be watched in other parts of the country, where commission government is in vogue.

Miss Livingston Entertains.

The most enjoyable event of last week was a reception, given by Miss Mary Livingston on Thursday evening, September 9th, in honor of Miss Dorothy Napier, of Greenwood.

Miss Livingston met the guests at the door, and presented them to Miss Napier. Mrs. D. G. Felder served nectar.

The guest of honor was becomingly attired in a canary chiffon silk, trimmed with black velvet and jet. Miss Livingston was, as usual, daintily attired, and proved to be the gracious little hostess that she always is. Shortly after the arrival of the guests cards were given out for progressive "up jinks." This game was indulged in for an hour or so, then ices were served.

Miss Napier was winner of the first prize, a box of candy, which was presented to her by Mr. J. H. McGowan. His presentation speech was a source of much merriment. Mr. P. B. Murphy received the "consolation," a set of "jack stones."

Miss Napier visited our town last Christmas, and won by her charming manner many friends, who are glad to have her among them again.

News Around Ehrhardt.

Ehrhardt, September 13.—Mr. William Fender, who has been spending a few days at Round, returned home Saturday. He reports a good time.

Misses Ruby and Ivy Morris, of Ashton, visited their grand-mother, Mrs. E. M. Kinard, last Saturday.

Mrs. Annie Lou Beach, of Stokes, spent last week with her cousins, Misses Eantsey and Ellen Kinard.

Mrs. Rosa Martin, of Islandton, spent a few days recently with her sister, Mrs. Ellen Morris.

Mrs. E. M. Kinard has returned home, after spending a few days with Mrs. J. C. Carter near Lodge.

Mrs. Hattie Hammond and little daughter, Mary, of Union, S. C., are spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Warren.

Mrs. Mary Ann McMillan, who has been spending some time with relatives and friends in this community, has returned to her home in Bamberg.

Mr. J. H. Kinard and sister, Miss Eantsey, spent Sunday with Mr. M. L. Warren and family.

Misses Beulah May and Cliff Folk spent last Thursday with Dr. J. H. Roberts and family.

Mr. John F. Folk, of Bamberg, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. H. N. Folk.

Mrs. D. C. Copeland visited Mrs. E. M. Kinard Friday.

Misses Ellen Kinard and Ivy Morris, who have been spending some time with relatives and friends at Sniders, have returned home. They report a lively time.

Mr. Bill Platts and daughter spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. W. N. Johns.

Miss Ruby Stanley closed her summer school last week, but she will teach again in November.

Farmers are busy now harvesting their cotton crop.

We had a very hard rain Friday night, which was badly needed in our community.

BANKER CUTS HIS THROAT

JOHN W. CASTLES COMMITS SUICIDE IN NEW YORK HOTEL.

Southern Man, Prominent in the Financial and Social Life of the Metropolis—His Interests.

New York, Sept. 13.—John W. Castles, president of the Union Trust company of this city, capitalized at \$1,000,000, a director in other well known corporations and prominent in club and social life in this city and the South, cut his throat from ear to ear in the Grand Union hotel this afternoon and was found dead stretched across a bed to-night. He had been in ill health for some time and his suicide is ascribed solely to a nervous breakdown and not to financial troubles.

His body was discovered about 9 o'clock tonight by his brother, Burton S. Castles, who, having become alarmed at Mr. Castles' failure to return home from the bank, began a search through the hotels of the city. Arriving at the Grand Union at Forty-second street and Park avenue he found that Mr. Castles had registered there under his own name at 4.20 o'clock this afternoon and had gone immediately to the room assigned to him on the second floor. As his body was found cold to-night, indications are that he ended his life soon after closing his door behind him. The body, dressed only in the under garments, was lying across the bed in the room, while on a table nearby was a bloody razor with which he had ended his life. Examination showed that he had severed both the windpipe and the carotid artery but notwithstanding this had made his way to the bed before he expired. The position of the razor leads to the belief that he stood before a mirror while slashing his throat.

Had Acid Also.

On a dresser near the bed there was an eight-ounce bottle, unlabeled, but containing a pungent acid. Whether he had taken any of this before cutting his throat had not been ascertained to-night. A physician was summoned hastily after the body was found but the banker was beyond aid. The police and coroner were then notified and an investigation begun.

According to his friends, Mr. Castles was broken in health by overwork and had little connection with the Union Trust company since assuming the presidency of the institution on January 1st last.

Not long ago Mr. Castles' condition became so serious that he was sent to a sanitarium in Ulster county, where he remained for three months under treatment.

Mr. Castles' widow and two children are in the Adirondacks where they have been spending the summer. She was notified of her husband's death to-night.

A Southern Man.

Coming originally from the South, where he was well known in Texas and Louisiana, Mr. Castles removed to New York to assume the presidency of the Guaranty Trust company several years ago. But in the latter part of last year he resigned this position and on the opening of the new year stepped in as head of the Union Trust company.

In the search for the despondent banker this evening his brother was accompanied by Ell. B. Springs, a director of the Charlotte, N. C., Electric Light and Power company and a lifelong friend of the Castles. After the finding of the body they looked in vain for a note or letter explaining his suicide.

Mr. Castles had large interests in Texas and was at one time president of a trust company of New Orleans.

Besides being president of the Union Trust company Mr. Castles was a director of the Central Park, North & East Railroad company, the Central of Georgia, the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Hanover National bank of this city, the American Trust company of Baltimore and the Morris-town (N. J.) Trust company. He was United States trustee for the Northern Assurance company, Ltd., of London.

Booze Poured Out.

Lexington, September 13.—Ninety gallons of liquor and cider were emptied into the jail lot here this morning by Sheriff P. H. Corley. This lot of "booze" was captured at Irmo more than six weeks ago and, as there had been no inquiries made at the sheriff's office about the shipment, the stuff was poured out in accordance with the law. The goods were shipped in the name of John Davis, which is thought to have been fictitious. This is the first instance in Lexington where an officer has thus disposed of contraband.

Dispenser Loses His Place.

Barnwell, Sept. 13.—As a result of charges made to Dispensary Auditor West against Dispenser J. A. Lightsey at Sycamore, charging in general terms that Lightsey has been intoxicated during business hours and that he had been seen to go in his dispensary on Sunday, the county board met to-day to investigate the charges. As a result of their meeting Dispenser Lightsey tendered his resignation, which was accepted and the board decided to close the dispensary. When seen to-night by the State's correspondent, the chairman of the board, G. M. Greene, stated that he did not care to discuss the matter for publication until the report of the board which goes into details is filed with the governor and the State dispensary auditor.

The report was filed with Dispensary Auditor West yesterday and the stock will be disposed of to the other dispensaries.—Columbia State.

NEWS FROM GOVAN.

Also Write-up of Towns in North Carolina—Cotton Crop Short.

Govan, September 14.—William Hay and family made a short visit week before last to the home of Peyton Hay, his brother, at King's Mountain, N. C. His visit was not altogether a social one, but his purpose rather was to reconnoiter, as he is contemplating making that town his future home. The writer accompanied him.

The town of King's Mountain is situated in Gaston county, and is about twelve miles from the county seat. It is a flourishing town, having three banks and seven cotton factories. In standing up on either King's or Crowder's mountain one can behold in the distance the smoke emitting from the several factories in King's Mountain, Gastonia, and other nearby towns; and such views give one an idea of what the South is doing along the line of industry. I was told there are some millionaires living there who have big capital invested in the cotton factories. It has a population of about nine thousand. Strictly modern in architecture, being adorned with some of the most beautiful residences, giving to the casual visitor an idea of what comfort and luxury entails to the few mortals who inhabit but temporarily this "terrestrial ball."

The county of Gaston is preparing to macadamize its principal roads. I saw a great quantity of broken rock placed beside the road preparatory for the work. Having an inexhaustible supply of this rock, they can build the most substantial and beautiful roads.

The land is not at all desirable for farming purposes, owing to its being so hard and rocky. In breaking the soil weights are attached to the plow to force it into the soil, it being all clay and rock. Truck farming is the principal industry in the farming line, although there is some cotton and corn planted. The truck farmers find ready consumption for their products. Mr. Peyton Hay was a farmer resident of this town, while it was in its infancy, and just the beginning of this year he made it his home again, having moved from his temporary home, at Boiling Springs, eight miles South of Barnwell court house. He only moved to King's Mountain for his health's sake, his principal interests being in Orangeburg county, near Springfield. He is a small truck farmer and is a commission merchant or broker, running the latter on a small scale. He handled two cars of watermelons for a planter at Springfield and sold them to the merchants direct and with a nice profit for the shipper. He has a small cannery establishment and his products are always in ready demand, being strictly first-class goods. He has won an enviable reputation in the class of his canned products, some years since being highly applauded through the medium of a Northern paper by a long editorial, but his health not permitting he does not seek greater commendation, but rather desires little publicity. The indications are that that section of the country is very healthy.

Crowder's Peak is only three and one-half mile from King's Mountain at the foot of which is the quiet and secluded All healing Springs, a health resort. The two peaks, Crowder's and King's Mountain, command a picturesque view from the city. The water is cold and sparkling, and there is an artesian well which supplies the town and which is reported to be as near chemically pure as any water. From the summit of either peak can be seen a range of the Blue Ridge.

One of the cotton factories runs day and night. It is really a pity that some children are deprived of the blessings of day (those who have to toil for sustenance) by having to work all night. The State should not countenance such a burdensome law, which law means depression and de-thromement of health and happiness to future generations.

King's Mountain is situated on the Southern Railway, running from Spartanburg to Asheville, N. C. A few citizens took advantage of the excursion rates to Jacksonville, Fla., over the Seaboard last week. Jacksonville is a thriving city, and now the emporium for the liquor business. Any quantity is shipped by wholesale and retail. The city has survived the conflagration, having supplanted the destroyed district with more beautiful buildings. There are a few skyscrapers. The streets are a little uneven and crooked, but every thing is in a rush.

St. John's river is very wide and commodious, facilitating commerce for the many merchantmen that ply its waters. It is doubtful if Jacksonville could be rivaled in commercial advantages.

sume, are afraid the price will go being gathered fast. Farmers, I presume, are afraid the price will go down and then they cannot get 12 cents for it.

It is good for those who were not faithful to the Farmer's Union (whether they were members or not) by selling for future delivery at 10 cents. It is hoped for this reason, if for no other, that it will rise to 15 cents.

The cotton crop is extremely short in this section, far below expectations. H.

Get W. G. Hutto at Copeland's to make you an offer on your cotton seed before you sell them.

If you want the very highest prices for your cotton seed, see Hutto at Copeland's before you sell.

Yes, Hutto, at Copeland's store, buys cotton seed. Don't forget this when you go to sell.